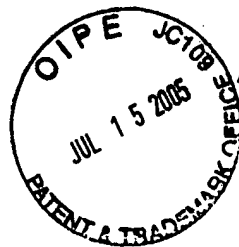


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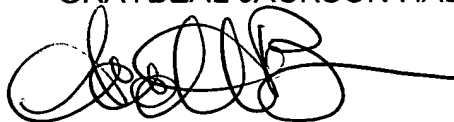
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 15, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.